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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1656

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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BEIRUT FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAIR, SY, BEXP

SUBJ: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY: CIVAIR SAA EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 215315 (NOTAL)

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (COPY TO SYRIAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER JAMIL) REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH JAMIL

FOR GEORGE BURNWORTH, SALES MANAGER - AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, THE CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY, WICHITA, KANSAS, FOR DISCUSSION CESSNA'S EXECUTIVE JET, NAVIGATION/COMMUNICATION TRAINING AIRCRAFT. WE ALSO SENT JAMIL MATERIAL BURNWORTH HAD FORWARDED THROUGH EMBASSY.

2. WITH NO REPLY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, WITH PRESS REPORTS RE JAMIL'S CURRENT TRAVEL TO CAIRO AND AFTER SEVERAL CALLS TO JAMIL'S OFFICE, WE MUST REGRETFULLY CONCLUDE THAT BURNWORTH'S PLANNED VISIT TO DAMASCUS OCT 9 TO 11 SHOULD BE CANCELLED. UNFORTUNATELY, SYRIANS CONSIDER JAMIL'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE A MILITARY SECRET AND WILL NOT PROVIDE HIS RETURN DATE. (PERHAPS CAIRO MAY BE ABLE TO COMMENT.) IN SEPT 30 PHONE CALL TO EMBASSY, BURNWORTH NOTED HE COULD REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE FOR LATER VISIT IF NECESSARY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: NEA/ARN OR EB/TT/OA IMMEDIATELY CALL BURNWORTH
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(316/942-1371), AS REFTEL NOTED HE DEPARTING US OCT 8, AND PASS

ABOVE.

ALSO, IN FUTURE, PLEASE INCLUDE BEIRUT AS ADDRESSEE ON CIVIL
AVIATION MESSAGES. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW BURNWORTH'S
EXACT TRAVEL PLANS IN CASE WE NEED TO REACH HIM LATER.
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